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Classified By: DCM Bruce Rogers, reasons 1.5 (B) and (D)

(C) In response to reftel points, MFA Political Director Peteris Ustubs told us January 19 that he understood the planning process for ISAF transition to Afghan lead at the provincial level was not a draw-down or exit strategy. He re-affirmed Latvia's commitment to Afghanistan. He asked if our demarche was motivated by concerns that some in ISAF viewed the transition as a prelude to exiting. We replied that this was not the case and that this was, instead, a preemptive reassurance.

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